

CUET 2026 May 21 Shift 1 Geography

Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. Which of the following varieties of iron ore is known as the best quality ore with very high iron content?

- (A) Magnetite
- (B) Hematite
- (C) Limonite
- (D) Siderite

2. Consider the following statements regarding the phases of population growth in India:

- 1. The period between 1901 and 1921 is referred to as a period of stagnant or stationary phase of growth.
- 2. The period between 1921 and 1951 is referred to as the period of steady population growth.
- 3. The period between 1951 and 1981 is referred to as the period of population explosion in India.
- 4. After 1981 till present, the crude birth rate has started increasing rapidly.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 3 only
- (B) 1, 2 and 3 only

- (C) 2, 3 and 4 only
(D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
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3. The Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) in Bharmour region belongs to which state?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Uttarakhand
(C) Jammu and Kashmir
(D) Arunachal Pradesh
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4. Consider the following statements regarding Human Settlements in India:

1. Clustered settlements are distinctively found in the fertile alluvial plains and the northeastern states.
2. Semi-clustered settlements may result from the segregation or fragmentation of a large compact village.
3. Hamleted settlements are locally called Panna, Para, Palli, Nagla, or Dhani in different parts of the country.
4. Dispersed settlements appear in the form of isolated huts in remote jungles or hills.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 4 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1, 3 and 4 only
(D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
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5. Which sector utilizes the highest share of both surface and groundwater in India?

- (A) Industrial Sector
(B) Domestic Sector
(C) Agricultural Sector
(D) Power Generation
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6. Match the Watershed Programmes in List I with their States/Agencies in List II:

List I (Programme)		List II (State/Agency)	
Sr.No.	Programme	Sr.No.	State/Agency
a.	Hariyali	1.	Andhra Pradesh
b.	Neeru-Meeru	2.	Rajasthan (Alwar)
c.	Arvari Pani Sansad	3.	Central Government

Which of the following options represents the correct match?

- (A) a-3, b-2, c-1
- (B) a-1, b-3, c-2
- (C) a-3, b-1, c-2
- (D) a-2, b-1, c-3

7. In which year was the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) established in India to develop infrastructure along borders?

- (A) 1950
- (B) 1960
- (C) 1970
- (D) 1980

8. Arrange the following Railway Zones of India from North to South based on the location of their respective headquarters:

1. South Central Railway
2. Northern Railway
3. Southern Railway
4. Western Railway

Which of the following options is correct?

- (A) 2 - 4 - 1 - 3
 - (B) 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
 - (C) 4 - 2 - 1 - 3
 - (D) 2 - 4 - 3 - 1
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9. What type of agriculture is characterized by the burning of cleared vegetation to add nutrients back into the soil before sowing?

- (A) Intensive Subsistence Agriculture
 - (B) Shifting Cultivation (Slash and Burn)
 - (C) Plantation Agriculture
 - (D) Mediterranean Agriculture
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10. Arrange the following major airports located along the Mediterranean-South Asian air route from West to East as a flight would encounter them:

1. Rome (Italy)
2. Cairo (Egypt)
3. Mumbai (India)
4. Bangkok (Thailand)

Which of the following option is correct?

- (A) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
 - (B) 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
 - (C) 1 - 3 - 2 - 4
 - (D) 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
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